

Holy Communion – Huyton Parish Church

June 3rd 6.30 pm 18

Trinity 1

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

This is the Lord's Day

We will rejoice and be glad in it

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Hymn 411

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
You are one with us, Mary's Son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
Pouring your love and goodness in,
Jesus our love for you we sing,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, now and ev'ry day
Teach us how to pray, Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance, Lord, of you.
Into our lives your pow'r breaks
through,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
Born as one of us, Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,
Live my life for you, Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your pow'r breaks through,
Living Lord.

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Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
Give us strength and determination to
create more space in our lives for you.
By your Holy Spirit open our ears and
touch our hearts to understand your
justice and mercy, not only for
ourselves but also for those who suffer
injustice in the world; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to confession

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins, to be our advocate
in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's
commandments and to live in love and peace
with all.

God our Father,
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us
life.
You give your faithful people new life in
the water of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us, nor
cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
against you and our neighbour.
We have wounded your love and
marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus
Christ our Lord.
Amen

The president says

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive you your sins,
open your eyes to God's truth,
strengthen you to do God's will
and give you the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayer for this week

The prayer is said.

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust
in you, mercifully accept our prayers and,
because through the weakness of our mortal
nature
we can do no good thing without you, grant
us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.

Old Testament Jeremiah 5:1-19

The Sin of Jerusalem

5 People of Jerusalem, run through your
streets!

Look around! See for yourselves!
Search the marketplaces!

Can you find one person
 who does what is right
 and tries to be faithful to God?
 If you can, the LORD will forgive Jerusalem.
² Even though you claim to worship the
 LORD,
 you do not mean what you say.
³ Surely the LORD looks for faithfulness.
 He struck you, but you paid no attention;
 he crushed you, but you refused to learn.
 You were stubborn and would not turn from
 your sins.
⁴ Then I thought, "These are only the poor
 and ignorant.
 They behave foolishly;
 they don't know what their God requires,
 what the LORD wants them to do."
⁵ I will go to the people in power
 and talk with them.
 Surely they know what their God requires,
 what the LORD wants them to do."
 But all of them have rejected the LORD's
 authority
 and refuse to obey him.
⁶ That is why lions from the forest will kill
 them;
 wolves from the desert will tear them to
 pieces,
 and leopards will prowl through their
 towns.
 If those people go out, they will be torn apart
 because their sins are numerous
 and time after time they have turned from
 God.
⁷ The LORD asked, "Why should I forgive the
 sins of my people?
 They have abandoned me
 and have worshiped gods that are not real.
 I fed my people until they were full,
 but they committed adultery
 and spent their time with prostitutes."
⁸ They were like well-fed stallions wild with
 desire,
 each lusting for his neighbor's wife.
⁹ Shouldn't I punish them for these things
 and take revenge on a nation such as this?
¹⁰ I will send enemies to cut down my
 people's vineyards,
 but not to destroy them completely.
 I will tell them to strip away the branches,
 because those branches are not mine.
¹¹ The people of Israel and Judah
 have betrayed me completely.
 I, the LORD, have spoken."

The LORD Rejects Israel

¹² The LORD's people have denied him and
 have said, "He won't really do anything.^[a] We

won't have hard times; we won't have war or
 famine." ¹³⁻¹⁴ They have said that the
 prophets are nothing but windbags and that
 they have no message from the LORD. The
 LORD God Almighty said to me, "Jeremiah,
 because these people have said such things, I
 will make my words like a fire in your mouth.
 The people will be like wood, and the fire
 will burn them up."
¹⁵ People of Israel, the LORD is bringing a
 nation from far away to attack you. It is a
 strong and ancient nation, a nation whose
 language you do not know. ¹⁶ Their archers
 are mighty soldiers who kill without mercy.
¹⁷ They will devour your crops and your
 food; they will kill your sons and your
 daughters. They will slaughter your flocks and
 your herds and destroy your vines and fig
 trees. The fortified cities in which you trust
 will be destroyed by their army.
¹⁸ The LORD says, "Yet even in those days I
 will not completely destroy my people.
¹⁹ When they ask why I did all these things,
 tell them, Jeremiah, that just as they turned
 away from me and served foreign gods in
 their own land, so they will serve strangers in
 a land that is not theirs."

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 35:1-10

Contend, O Lord, with those that contend
 with me; ♦
**fight against those that fight against
 me.**
 Take up shield and buckler ♦
and rise up to help me.
 Draw the spear and bar the way
 against those who pursue me; ♦
say to my soul, 'I am your salvation.'
 Let those who seek after my life be shamed
 and disgraced; ♦
**let those who plot my ruin fall back and
 be put to confusion.**
 Let them be as chaff before the wind, ♦
**with the angel of the Lord thrusting
 them down.**
 Let their way be dark and slippery, ♦
**with the angel of the Lord pursuing
 them.**
 For they have secretly spread a net for me
 without a cause; ♦
**without any cause they have dug a pit
 for my soul.**

Let ruin come upon them unawares; ♦
**let them be caught in the net they laid;
let them fall in it to their destruction.**

Then will my soul be joyful in the Lord ♦
and glory in his salvation.

My very bones will say, 'Lord, who is like
you? ♦

**You deliver the poor from those that
are too strong for them,
the poor and needy from those who
would despoil them.'**

New Testament Romans 7:7-end

Law and Sin

⁷ Shall we say, then, that the Law itself is sinful? Of course not! But it was the Law that made me know what sin is. If the Law had not said, "Do not desire what belongs to someone else," I would not have known such a desire. ⁸ But by means of that commandment sin found its chance to stir up all kinds of selfish desires in me. Apart from law, sin is a dead thing. ⁹ I myself was once alive apart from law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life, ¹⁰ and I died. And the commandment which was meant to bring life, in my case brought death. ¹¹ Sin found its chance, and by means of the commandment it deceived me and killed me. ¹² So then, the Law itself is holy, and the commandment is holy, right, and good. ¹³ But does this mean that what is good caused my death? By no means! It was sin that did it; by using what is good, sin brought death to me, in order that its true nature as sin might be revealed. And so, by means of the commandment sin is shown to be even more terribly sinful.

The Conflict in Us

¹⁴ We know that the Law is spiritual; but I am a mortal, sold as a slave to sin. ¹⁵ I do not understand what I do; for I don't do what I would like to do, but instead I do what I hate. ¹⁶ Since what I do is what I don't want to do, this shows that I agree that the Law is right. ¹⁷ So I am not really the one who does this thing; rather it is the sin that lives in me. ¹⁸ I know that good does not live in me—that is, in my human nature. For even though the desire to do good is in me, I am not able to do it. ¹⁹ I don't do the good I want to do; instead, I do the evil that I do not want to do.

²⁰ If I do what I don't want to do, this means that I am no longer the one who does it; instead, it is the sin that lives in me.

²¹ So I find that this law is at work: when I want to do what is good, what is evil is the only choice I have. ²² My inner being delights in the law of God. ²³ But I see a different law at work in my body—a law that fights against the law which my mind approves of. It makes me a prisoner to the law of sin which is at work in my body. ²⁴ What an unhappy man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is taking me to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who does this through our Lord Jesus Christ! This, then, is my condition: on my own I can serve God's law only with my mind, while my human nature serves the law of sin.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 19

**All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he
guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.
But God's pow'r, hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tow'r.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all
ye who follow shall not fall.**

*(after J Neander 1650-80, Robert Bridges 1844-1930 & MP)
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Gospel Luke 7:1-10

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus Heals a Roman Officer's Servant

7 When Jesus had finished saying all these things to the people, he went to Capernaum. 2 A Roman officer there had a servant who was very dear to him; the man was sick and about to die. 3 When the officer heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to ask him to come and heal his servant. 4 They came to Jesus and begged him earnestly, "This man really deserves your help. 5 He loves our people and he himself built a synagogue for us." 6 So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the officer sent friends to tell him, "Sir, don't trouble yourself. I do not deserve to have you come into my house, 7 neither do I consider myself worthy to come to you in person. Just give the order, and my servant will get well. 8 I, too, am a man placed under the authority of superior officers, and I have soldiers under me. I order this one, 'Go!' and he goes; I order that one, 'Come!' and he comes; and I order my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." 9 Jesus was surprised when he heard this; he turned around and said to the crowd following him, "I tell you, I have never found faith like this, not even in Israel!" 10 The messengers went back to the officer's house and found his servant well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon JAS

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.
Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice

proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Hymn 67

**Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.
Come, bow before him now,
With reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
We stand on Holy ground.
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.**

**Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
With splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
Our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.**

**Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
In faith receive from him.
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.**

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Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end
Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.
All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented. The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. The president takes the bread and wine.

Hymn 528

**Only by grace can we enter,
Only by grace can we stand;
Not by our human endeavour,
But by the blood of the Lamb.
Into your presence you call us,
You call us to come.
Into your presence you draw us,
And now by your grace we come.**

**Lord if you mark our transgressions,
Who could stand?
Thanks to your grace we are cleansed
By the blood of the Lamb. (repeat)**
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The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The president says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.
Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope he
touched untouchables with love and washed
the guilty clean.

This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at
the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.
This is his story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it
and said: This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took
the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood,
shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this
cup we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again and is alive with
you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.
**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you and be
welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and
power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,**

and the glory are yours
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The president and people receive communion.

Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies

Amen.

During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung. Any consecrated bread and wine which is not required for purposes of communion is consumed at the end of the distribution or after the service.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts: may our
communion strengthen us in faith, build us up
in hope, and make us grow in love; for the
sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Almighty God, we thank you for
feeding us with the body and blood of
your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls
and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and
glory. Amen.**

Hymn 428

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.**

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit

**into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit,
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**
Charles Wesley (1707-88)

The Dismissal Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

A minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers and people depart.

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